

Secretary of Health and Human Services reflect the commitment of the President and the Secretary to the development of a sound and consistent regulatory policy on labeling of dietary supplements.

The Commission is charged with conducting a study and providing recommendations for regulation of label claims and statements for dietary supplements, including the use of supplemental literature in connection with their sale and, in addition, procedures for evaluation of label claims. The Commission is evaluating how best to provide truthful, scientifically valid, and non-misleading information to consumers in order that they may make informed health care choices for themselves and their families. The Commission's report may include recommendations on legislation, if appropriate and necessary.

The purpose of Meeting #10 is to announce the completion and public availability of the Final Report of the Commission. The meeting agenda will include approval of the minutes of the previous meeting and follow-up activities to be undertaken by the staff. The meeting is open to the public; however seating is limited. If you will require a sign language interpreter, please call Sandra Saunders (202) 690-7102 by 4:30 p.m. E.S.T. on November 14, 1997.

Dated: November 5, 1997.

Susanne A. Stoiber,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Disease Prevention and Health Promotion), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry; Notice of Public Meeting

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry. This two-day meeting will be open to the public, limited only by the space available.

Place of Meeting: William Natcher Conference Center, National Institutes of Health (Building 45), 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. Exact locations of the sessions will be available at the conference center and on the Commission's web site, "www.hcqualitycommission.gov".

Times and Dates: The public meeting will span two days. On Tuesday, November 18, 1997, the subcommittee break-out sessions will take place from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. On Wednesday, November 19, 1997, the general plenary session will begin at 8:00 a.m. and it will continue until 4:00 p.m.

Purpose/Agenda: To hear testimony and continue formal proceedings of the Commission's three (3) remaining subcommittees (Subcommittee on Consumer Rights has completed its work). Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person: For more information, including substantive program information and summaries of the meeting, please contact: Edward (Chip) Malin, Hubert Humphrey Building, Room 118F, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201; [202/205-3333].

Dated: November 5, 1997.

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Executive Director, Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) is planning to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to allow a proposed information collection of the "Medical Expenditure Panel Survey Household Component (MEPS-HC)—Panels 3 and 4." In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), AHCPR invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 1997 and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer at the following address: Allison Eydt, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; New Executive Office Building, Room 10235; Washington, 20503.

All comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth A. Celtnieks, AHCPR Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 594-1406, ext. 1497.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Project

"Medical Expenditure Panel Survey Household Component (MEPS-HC)—Panels 3 and 4."

The AHCPR is planning to conduct an annual panel survey of U.S. households to collect information on a variety of measures related to health status, health insurance coverage, health care use and expenditures, and sources of payment for health services. Each panel consists of a nationally representative sample of U.S. households who remain in MEPS for two consecutive years of data collection. The first two panels of MEPS began in 1996 and 1997. Panels 3 and 4 of the MEPS-HC begin in 1998 and 1999, respectively. The MEPS-HC is jointly sponsored by the AHCPR and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). It will be conducted using a sample of households selected from households which responded to the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) sponsored by NCHS. The NHIS is a household survey which collects health related data from approximately 50,000 households and 110,000 people. Due to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) efforts to integrate survey data collection activities, the NHIS is used as the sampling frame for the MEPS and several other surveys.

Data to be collected from each household include detailed information on demographics, health conditions, current health status, utilization of health care providers, charges and payments for health care services, medications, employment, and health insurance. Subject to AHCPR and NCHS confidentiality statutes, data will be made available through publications, articles in major journals as well as public use data files. The data are intended to be used for purposes such as:

- Generating national estimates of individual and family health care use and expenditures, private and public health insurance coverage, and the